

Rappahannock EMS Council
Protocol Sub-Committee Minutes
January 8th, 2007

Members Present: Heather Calhoun, Jenni-Meade Carter, Chris Corbin, Greg Leitz, Mark Shiflett, and David Morris.

Members Absent: Timothy Kimble, Lori Knowles, and Robert Usher.

Meeting called to order at 1000 hours at the REMS Council Training Center.

Tina Skinner, Director of the Council, spoke briefly to the sub-committee regarding the deadline for completing the revisions to the regional protocols. Under our current contract with the VDH-Office of EMS, the Regional Protocols must be revised and posted to our website by May 1, 2007. Members of the committee had previously expressed concern that they did not feel we could meet the deadline, especially as it relates to distribution of the new protocols.

Tina thanked the group for the work they had put into reviewing the protocols over the past year and asked for their input on what was needed to meet our deadline. Additional sub-committee members were being identified to assist with the project and the Council's Training staff is also available. Tina also spoke with the Director of Western EMS Council who was willing to provide an electronic version of their protocols as the committee had previously identified a desire to utilize their layout and format for final publication. This will save much time in reformatting the written protocols that the group is working on. The group was reminded that the Regional Medical Director had requested public forums to be held for our region's providers to have an opportunity to speak to the revised protocols before they are published. It was recommended that a new timeline be established by the sub-committee in an effort to meet all projects and the deadline. If necessary, Tina advised she could ask the state for an extension on completing the printing and distribution of the revised protocols, however, it must be done before the end of our current contract period (June 30, 2007). Following these discussions the members present indicated completion of the entire project was possible before the end of the Fiscal Year.

Protocol review and discussions continued:

- Dr. Garth has requested to add Etomidate into the Med Assisted Intubation as a secondary drug to Versed. (Robert, Chris, & Jenni)
- Dr. Garth also asked the sub-committee to look into a WMD protocol. Dave will research.
- Mark went over the changes he made to the Trauma Section.

- IO protocol: The statement about 2 IV attempts, and at least one being an EJ, will be changed to based on clinical judgment.
- MAST: Will add in to the Fracture Protocol.
- Dave will research Fluid Resuscitation and using blood tubing for one set up.
- Dr. Garth would like a tourniquet protocol added.
- Eye Injuries: Include a statement about HAZ-MAT.
- We will hold 4 public forums throughout the region in April & May. Dr. Garth must be present at all, along with at least 2 committee members.
- Pain Management: Add in Phenergan 6.25mg as a standing order.
- Dave went over the following protocols: Universal Algorithm, Non-Traumatic Chest Pain, Pulseless Arrest, and Tachycardia. He is working on ASA for EMTs and the PRN Adaptors.
- Chris went over the changes he made to the DNR, Code Gray, and DOA protocols and the Procedures section.
- We want to add nasal Narcan to the unresponsive protocol and nasal Versed to the seizure protocol.

Greg will take Tim's position on the committee. He was assigned the Communications section and will help Dave with the Pediatrics section.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 12th, 2007 at 1000 hours at the REMS Council Training Center.

Meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.